

Thomas Rogers – Eastham Land Records 1650 - 1745

Thomas Rogers was born in 1638. He was the son of Lt. Joseph Rogers. He had three brothers and four sisters. His brothers were John, Joseph Jr. and James. Thomas married Elizabeth Snow in 1665. Thomas died in 1678 soon after his father. His wife Elizabeth also died in 1678. They had at least five children. Thomas and Elizabeth probably are buried in unmarked graves in Orleans Cemetery or possibly in the Rogers Family Cemetery.

1659

This record refers to Thomas Rogers owning land near the house lot of Thomas Paine. Thomas Paine lived in the Pochet area. PDF A185.

1671

Thomas Rogers, heir of his deceased brother Joseph Rogers, exchanged with Robert Wixam twenty acres on the eastern side of Pochet which belonged to his brother Joseph. In return Thomas received from Wixam twenty acres on Pochet on the east side of land belonging to Lt. Joseph Rogers, father of Thomas and Joseph, and next to land of William Merrick. PDF A240, M264.

1674

Susanna Snow, wife of the late Joseph Rogers, with the consent of her husband Steven Snow surrendered to Joseph's brother Thomas her rights and title to the one-third of Joseph Rogers' housing and lands given to him by his father or by the Town. This is estimated to be about thirty acres. PDF A140.

Lt. Joseph Rogers made his son Thomas the heir to twenty acres on Barley Neck at Pochet which had been owned by Thomas' deceased brother Joseph Rogers Jr. Thomas transferred ownership of the twenty acres on Barley Neck to his brother John Rogers. John granted life use of part of the property to his sister Elizabeth, wife of Jonathan Higgins. Elizabeth and Jonathan had already occupied and built on some of the land. PDF A241, M265, S70.

1679

This record makes reference to Thomas Rogers owning land at Pochet next to land of Samuel Mayo and John Mayo. PDF A159.

1694

This record makes reference to the 1671 land exchange between Thomas Rogers and Robert Wixam. PDF A201.

Land that Lt. Joseph Rogers earlier gave to his sons Thomas, John and James was recorded. There were three equal sized lots at Barley Neck where the bounds were indicated by stones. Also land at Little Billingsgate, Satucket and Pochet Island given to the three sons was recorded. Lot size was not included. Land for Joseph Rogers Jr. was not included in these land records. PDF M27, M28.

1700

Granted to Thomas Rogers and his heirs land between Muddy Pond and land of Thomas Cole. The dimensions indicate the lot was about two acres. Bounds were indicated by stones marked TR. PDF M78.

1703

Granted to the heirs of Joseph Rogers, Thomas Rogers and Joseph Rogers, son of Thomas, all deceased, a parcel of meadow at Pochet Flats near Hog Island. The dimensions indicate the meadow was about three acres. Bounds were indicated by stakes. PDF A268, M142, S98.

Granted to Thomas Rogers, Joseph Myrick and Jeremiah Smith and their heirs a parcel of meadow on the Middle Flat of the Town Flats. The dimensions indicate the meadow was about four acres. Bounds were indicated by stakes. The meadow was next to meadow owned by Nathaniel Atkins, Timothy Cole and Ebenezer Snow. PDF M165.

Granted to Thomas Rogers, Joshua Higgins and Jonathan Sparrow and their heirs a parcel of meadow at Pochet High Meadow. The dimensions indicate the meadow was about five acres. Bounds were indicated by stakes. PDF S89.

The land owned by Thomas Rogers and his heirs described in these records amounted to about sixty acres. By 1745 ten more Rogers received Eastham land grants.